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15. A liquid crystal display device according to claim 11, wherein the interposed film includes a first protective film made of an inorganic material layer formed to cover the thin film transistor, and a second protective film made of the organic material layer formed to cover the pixel electrode on the first protective film.--

REMARKS

By the above amendment, claim 5 has been amended to be in generic form, claims 6 and 8 have been amended to correct informalities therein, and new dependent claims 11-15 have been added to further define features of the interposed film as now recited in claim 5.

Turning to the requirement for election of one of the following patentably distinct species identified as Species A: the specifics being the counter electrode formed in a layer overlying the pixel electrode with a stacked insulating film interposed between the counter electrode and the pixel electrode wherein the stacked insulating film being made of a stacked structure of a gate insulating film, an inorganic material layer and an organic material layer stacked in that order (claims 1-4); Species B: the specifics being the counter electrode formed in a layer overlying the pixel electrode with a protective film interposed between the counter electrode and the pixel electrode, the protective film being made of a stacked structure of an inorganic material layer and an organic material layer stacked in that order (claims 5-7); and Species C: the specifics being the pixel electrode formed in a large part of the pixel area on a first protective film made of an inorganic material layer and the counter electrode formed on a second protective layer made of an organic material layer (claims 8-10); the requirement for election of species is traversed as being improper, and that a generic claim is now present in this application.

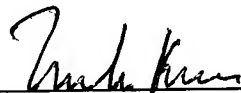
With respect to the requirement for election of species in terms of the features of the claims, applicants submit that as pointed out in MPEP §806.04(e) "claims are never species" such that the requirement as set forth is improper. Furthermore, while the Examiner contends that no claim is generic, by the present amendment, claim 5 has been amended to be in generic form and applicants submit that claim 5 and the dependent claims thereof are readable on the different species identified by the Examiner. As recognized by the Examiner, upon allowance of a generic claim, claims to additional species will be considered.

In order to provide a complete response to the election requirement, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Species B in which applicants submit that claim 5 is a generic claim and that claims 5-7 and 10-13 are readable on the elected species.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants request withdrawal of the election requirement and favorable action with respect to all claims present in this application.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (501.41062X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 5, 6 and 8 as follows:

5. (amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising, in each pixel area on a liquid-crystal-side surface of one of substrates disposed in opposition to each other with a liquid crystal interposed therebetween:

a thin film transistor to be driven by supply of a scanning signal from a gate signal line;

a pixel electrode to be supplied with a video signal from a drain signal line via the thin film transistor; and

a counter electrode which causes an electric field to be generated between the counter electrode and the pixel electrode,

the counter electrode being formed in a layer overlying pixel electrode with a ~~protective~~ an interposed film interposed between at least a portion of counter electrode and at least a portion of the pixel electrode,

~~the protective interposed film being made of a stacked structure in which an inorganic material layer and including at least an organic material layer are stacked in that order,~~

the counter electrode being made of a plurality of stripe-shaped counter electrodes which are disposed to be extended in one direction and to be juxtaposed in a direction transverse to the one direction, and

the pixel electrode being made of a transparent plane-shaped electrode which is formed in a large part of the pixel area.

6. (amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 5, wherein the pixel electrode is formed on an insulating film including a part of a gate insulating film of the thin film transistor, and a counter voltage signal line is formed in a layer

underlying the insulating film, the counter voltage signal line being connected to the counter voltage through a through-hole extended through the ~~protective~~-interposed film and the insulating film.

8. (amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising, in each pixel area on a liquid-crystal-side surface of one of substrates disposed in opposition to each other with a liquid crystal interposed therebetween:

a thin film transistor to be driven by supply of a scanning signal from a gate signal line;

a pixel electrode to be supplied with a video signal from a drain signal line via the thin film transistor; and

a counter electrode which causes an electric field to be generated between the counter electrode and the pixel electrode,

the pixel electrode being made of a transparent plane-shaped electrode which is formed in a large part of the pixel area on a first protective film made of an inorganic material layer formed to cover the thin film transistor and is connected to a source electrode of the thin film transistor through a contact hole formed in the first protective film,

the counter electrode being made of a plurality of electrodes which are formed on a second protective ~~layer~~-film made of an organic material layer formed to cover the pixel electrode on the first protective film and which are disposed to be extended in one direction and to be juxtaposed in a direction transverse to the one direction.

Please add the following new claims:

--11. A liquid crystal display device according to claim 5, wherein the interposed film is at least one of a protective film and an insulating film.

12. A liquid crystal display device according to claim 11, wherein the interposed film include a stacked structure in which an inorganic material layer and the organic material layer are stacked in that order.

13. A liquid crystal display device according to claim 12, wherein the interposed film is a protective film.

14. A liquid crystal display device according to claim 12, wherein the interposed film made of the stacked structure further includes an insulating film including a part of a gate insulating film of the thin film transistor, the inorganic material layer and the organic material layer stacked in that order.

15. A liquid crystal display device according to claim 11, wherein the interposed film includes a first protective film made of an inorganic material layer formed to cover the thin film transistor, and a second protective film made of the organic material layer formed to cover the pixel electrode on the first protective film.--